



## Fast Forward Quick Reference Guide SY 2016-2017

State Advanced Opportunities funding, known as the Fast Forward program, covers:

- \$4,125 / public school student
- 7-12 grades
  - Overload courses
  - Dual Credit tuition
  - Credit bearing exams (AP, IB, CLEP)
  - Professional – technical exams (CNA, A+, etc.)
  - Post-Secondary scholarship if student graduates early (approx. \$1,500, to an Idaho school)

Frequently asked clarifications:

District Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Districts are encouraged to set and publish policies regarding enrollment and Advanced Opportunities participation.</li> </ul>
Early Graduate Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early graduates are identified through ISEE graduation code.</li> <li>Graduates must be one, two, or three full school years early.</li> <li>Payments are made directly to an Idaho post-secondary institution; half the scholarship is paid each semester.</li> </ul>
Eligible Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Idaho students, grades 7-12.</li> <li>Students' credits will be transcribed on an Idaho public school transcript.</li> <li>Students must be on track to graduate with their cohort group.</li> <li><i>Regarding home or private school students: a public school must agree to transcribe any credits/exams covered by Fast Forward.</i></li> </ul>
Exam Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If a student takes a credit-bearing exam where the credit is not granted until after high school, such as an AP or IB, it is up to the school district to determine whether the student passed or failed the exam to continue participation in the program.</li> </ul>
Excluded Courses or Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remedial or repeated courses, including 0-level college classes (Math 025, etc.) are not allowed.</li> <li>Repeated exams are not covered.</li> </ul>

Failed Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a student fails a course that was paid for through Fast Forward, he must pay a “like” amount for a subsequent Advanced Opportunities course on his own and pass it to be reinstated to good standing with the Advanced Opportunities program.</li> <li>• It is up to school districts to track this process.</li> <li>• If a student takes multiple Advanced Opportunities courses following a semester with a failed course, only one course must be paid for by the student; if the student meets all other eligibility guidelines, all other Advanced Opportunity courses may be covered by the Fast Forward program.</li> </ul>
Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No fees are covered (activity, online, lab, etc.).</li> </ul>
In-District Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-district courses may only be reimbursed if the student would otherwise be billed for the cost of the course.</li> </ul>
Maximum Reimbursement Amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overload classes: \$225 / course</li> <li>• Dual Credit Tuition: \$75 / credit</li> <li>• Professional-technical exams: per limit set by CTE Division.</li> </ul>
Overload Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classes above and beyond a regular school schedule.</li> <li>• If taken in the summer, the student must have a full course load scheduled for the following semesters/trimesters.</li> </ul>
Participation Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student and family must sign the Participation Form once between grades 7-12. This form must be kept on file at the student’s school district.</li> </ul>
Textbooks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No textbook costs are covered.</li> </ul>

If you have questions, be sure to reach out to your Advanced Opportunities Support Staff:

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